MSC Press Gives Tennessee Story

FROM FRONTIER TO PLANTATION IN TENNESSEE, by Thomas Perkins Abernethy, Memphis State College Press, $6.50.

Within a remarkably short time after this book appeared from University of North Carolina Press in 1932, it gained wide recognition, and joined the "out-of-print" ranks several years ago. Since that time, a first edition has been a collector's item, commanding a respectable premium when an available copy turned up.

As its second venture in the publishing field, the Memphis State College Press, inaugurated in April, 1954 has come forth with a reprint of "From Frontier To Plantation In Tennessee," a worthwhile effort to gain wider circulation for this splendid examination of the state's evolution.

The author comments:

"For the purposes of such a study, Tennessee offers unique advantages. It was the first state to undergo the territorial status, and was without precedent to guide it on its way. Its boundaries include the earliest organized transmontaine settlements. The frontiersmen planning these settlements were therefore shackled neither by powerful precedent, nor crystalized opinion, nor petrified institutions in developing their community life. Not only were these settlements planted under striking conditions, but they were established under famous leaders. Certainly the frontier history of no western state is richer or more significant than that of Tennessee."

Memphis State Press' first book was "Making Democracy A Reality," by Claude G. Bowers.--P.F.